

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING

October 1, 2001

A. CALL TO ORDER

The October 1, 2001, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board President Tommy Lewis.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
David Armstrong-----County Administrator
Bobby Chamberlin -----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor John Caldwell presented the invocation.

C. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

The other official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of September 2001, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for September 2001, with various corrections as agreed by the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tax Assessor Contract with Bill Bryant

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion, and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold this item over to the next meeting. This will allow Bill Bryant to get pricing for the bonds required for the State Tax Commission. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

****See Exhibit D.1**

2. Misty Lane / Austin Road Alignment

The Planning Commission brought this item before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission.

****See Exhibit D.2****

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E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Amendment

This item was held over until the Oct. 3, 2001 meeting.

2. Joyce Riales – Comptroller

a. Claims Docket

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the claims docket to the Board of Supervisors. Stephanie Hanks read the items on the claims docket aloud to the Board of Supervisors. In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, several items on the claims dockets were discussed, including the following:

1. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the County is paying \$31 per day for prisoners' housing and medical bills in Tallahatchie County. Stephanie Hanks said yes.
2. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked why there are two fees for the cities listed on page eight of the claims docket. Stephanie Hanks responded that Jim Bearden and Amy House have said that sometimes the bills come in from BFI in that manner. She told the board all of the bills have been approved through the Operations and Maintenance Department.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the claims docket bills as presented by the Comptroller, with the exception of the check to Lehman Roberts for overlay. This check is being held until the Oct. 3, 2001 meeting. The total amount of the claims docket is \$3,981,399.55. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

b. Investment of Surplus Funds

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any County shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such County shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Citizens Bank & Trust for \$3,500,000, that was the highest bidder that placed its bid on time for funds as follows:

<u>Date of Investment</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CD#</u>
9/28/2001	Citizen's Bank & Trust	\$3,500,000	1/14/2002	108	3.3501%	5014170

**** See Exhibit E.2.b**

c. Approval to Ratify Bond Payments

Verified loan repayment documents for DeSoto County Account #71-61-5881-3T 5 for a \$10,000,000 Mississippi Development Bank Promissory Note dated September 27, 2001 were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment was made to Hancock Bank against the accounts as follows:

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<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
001-801-800	Principal	\$20,833.67
001-801-801	Interest	\$12,150.68
		\$32,984.35

Verified loan repayment documents for a \$18,000,000 MS Development Bank Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2000 (DeSoto County, MS General Obligation Public Improvement Bond Project) Issue #0350, were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment for variable rate interest was made for a thirty-day period to Trustmark Bank against the following account:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
215-800-801	Interest	\$32,109.03

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to ratify the bond payments as described above. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

****See Exhibit E.2.c****

3. Approval of Travel

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of October 1, 2001 to November 5, 2001, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize travel during the period of October 1, 2001 to November 5, 2001, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Tax Collector Insolvency List – Joey Treadway

Tax Collector Joey Treadway presented the Insolvency List to the Board of Supervisors. County Administrator David Armstrong asked how this compares to last year’s list. Tax Collector Joey Treadway said it is almost the same as last year. Mr. Treadway said personal property is almost exactly the same, public utilities are a little higher this year. However public utilities are under protest, so there is nothing the Tax Collector Department can do about the utilities. Mr. Treadway said this does not mean that we have quit collecting these taxes; we are filing leans against each of them by the end of the month. Mr. Treadway said the only problem we have is from Mobile Home Parks; we need to see that Mobile Home Lot Landowners are responsible for the taxes. There is legislation that may be approved this year to allow that to take place.

In accordance with Section 27-49-1 of the Mississippi Code, The Board of Supervisors accepted the verbal report offered by the Tax Collector. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the Insolvency List as presented by the Tax Collector. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.4****

5. Approval of Bailiff Pay

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin

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seconded the motion to pay Lee Hodge the amount of \$80.00; to pay Floyd Medlin the amount of \$120.00 for their service as bailiffs for DeSoto County Justice Court. The motion included holding the request for pay to Constable Joe Holmes in the amount of \$240.00. Mr. Holmes pay request was held to the Oct. 3, 2001 meeting to allow a judge to approve the bailiff pay sheet. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.5****

6. Justice Court Report

The DeSoto County Justice Court Clerk, Linda Aldridge, presented to the Board of Supervisors the Justice Court Report for the month of September 2001, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the Justice Court Report for the month of September 2001. The vote passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.6****

7. Sheriff's Employee Report

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Department Employee Reports for the period of August 28, 2001 through September 24, 2001. The report is attached and made a part of the minutes in Exhibit E.6. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.7****

8. Central Maintenance

a. Road Report

Pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated, County Road Manager Kenny Gunn presented the Road Report for the date of August 26, 2001 through September 25, 2001, the Work Schedule for the month of October 2001 to the Board of Supervisors for review. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Road Report as presented by the Road Manager. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

b. Road Bond Report

This item was held over until the Oct. 3, 2001 meeting.

9. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in accordance with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code, which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper published in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Approval of Chancery Clerk Allowances

County Administrator David Armstrong presented an order of Allowances for the Chancery Clerk's office to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Chancery Clerk Allowances for the Sept. 24 Term, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, in the amount of \$930.00. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.10****

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11. Approval of Change Order #1 Miller Voting Center / Fairhaven Fire Dept.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin explained that in an attempt to cut the cost of the project, the architect Marvin Johnson did not include automatic doors to the Fire Dept. Instead, manual doors were included, which are not prudent for use at the Fire Dept. A change order was presented for the amount of \$4,800.00 to add automatic doors to the project. Jim Bearden has verified the price is in line with the work requested by getting other quotes. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve change order #1 for the Miller Voting Center/ Fairhaven Fire Dept in the amount of \$4,800.00. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	NO
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

****See Exhibit E.11**

12. Approval to Bid Optical Scan Voting Equipment

County Administrator David Armstrong said he has spoken to the Secretary of State’s Office regarding DeSoto County’s proposed bid for Optical Scan Voting Equipment. Mr. Armstrong said the Secretary of State’s Office said they are likely to recommend Optical Scan voting equipment due to its benefits and accuracy. However, the committee appointed through the state will likely not have their report available until December. Mr. Armstrong said that the Secretary of State’s office could not confirm whether or the county would be able to collect any funds that may come available for voting equipment through the Federal government, if it was purchased before that money was approved. Chancery Sluggo Davis asked if we still have an opportunity to sell our punch card equipment. David Armstrong said he will check. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the Secretary of State will send a letter to confirm their phone conversation. Mr. Armstrong said he would check. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve going out to bid for Optical Scan Voting Equipment. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Medlin said that he does not feel the punch card voting system is inadequate.

13. School Bus Turnarounds

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors received a letter dated September 18, 2001, from the DeSoto County Superintendent Jerry Baird requesting the County to maintain the properties which are used as school bus turnarounds. In accordance with Section 19-3-42, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, stating that the school bus turnarounds will be built, maintained and improved, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion to build, maintain, and improve the properties in the Superintendent’s letter dated September 18, 2001 and to direct the County Road Manager to carry out this order of this Board forthwith. Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion for the following list:

Name	Address	City	Bus #	Phone #
Kathy Casey	13330 Strickland Rd.	Byhalia	128	838-2921
Sharon Downs	4590 Walker Mills	Byhalia	179	838-7729
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George Eatwell	3230 Shady Hill Dr.	Hernando	182	429-6282
LaDonna Faulkner	3895 Plum Ridge	Hernando	46	429-6454

Debbie Hasbro	5290 Kahuna Cove	Hernando	24	429-0791
Erma Isom	3605 McCracken Rd.	Hernando	69	429-3878
Tracie Kendrick	311 Whitehead	Hernando	157	429-3161
Paige Smith	5280 Dean Rd.	Lake Cormorant	10	429-3097
Frances Perry	1772 Swinnea	Nesbit	68	No phone
Elaine Stewart	12200 DeSoto Rd.	Olive Branch	140	895-0956
Frank Wilson Jr.	14725 DeSoto Rd.	Olive Branch	2	895-3798

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.13****

14. Appointment Circuit Clerk – Requisition Clerk Election Dept. – Marla Treadway

At the recommendation of the Circuit Clerk, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve Marla Treadway of the DeSoto County Circuit Clerk's office to sign Purchase Requisitions for the Election Dept. 180 & 181. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

15. Approval to Apply for Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant

This item was held over until Oct. 3, 2001.

16. Approval for Hernando Garden Club to use Courthouse for the Southern Regional Daffodil Show March 22, 23, & 24, 2002 – Mrs. Howell

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Hernando Garden Club to use the DeSoto County Courthouse or Administration Building for the Daffodil Show on March 22-24, 2002. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

17. Final Acceptance of State Aid Project STP 1969 (2) B – Bethel Road

At the recommendation of the County Engineer Daniel Murphy, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion for final approval for State Aid Project 1969 (2) B – Bethel Road. The motion passed by unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.17****

18. Approval to Remove Teresa Johnson as Assistant Receiving Clerk and Appoint Denise Dingman as Assistant Receiving Clerk

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to remove Teresa Johnson as Assistant Receiving Clerk and to appoint Denise Dingman as Assistant Receiving Clerk for DeSoto County. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

19. Approval of Agreement with Southaven for Church and Getwell Road

The Board of Supervisors agreed that no action was necessary on this item.

20. Approval of Medicine Vendor

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to carry this item over until Oct. 3, 2001. The motion passed by unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.20****

21. Approval of Resolution for a Salary Increase for Justice Court Judges

At the request of Justice Court Judge Karen Sanders, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the **ITEM E.21, CONTINUED,**

motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Resolution notifying the Governor, Lt. Governor, Senate and House of Representatives that DeSoto

County Board of Supervisors is not against Justice Court Judges salary increase. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

22. MDOT Traffic Report for Starlanding Road and Hwy 301

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a letter from MDOT explaining that the traffic counts on Starlanding Road do not warrant a 4-way Stop at the intersection of Hwy 301. Mr. Armstrong said there is a possibility that MDOT will reprioritize the Road Project on Hwy 301 from Starlanding Road to Eudora. MDOT speculates that this will greatly improve the safety of the intersection. Supervisor John Caldwell asked the County Administrator to get MDOT to commit in writing to the possible reprioritizing of the road.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that his request that was approved by MDOT for a 4-way Stop at Hwy 305 and College Road has become an issue that the Sheriff's Dept. has to monitor every morning. No motions were made nor votes taken on this portion of the meeting. ****See Exhibit E.22****

23. District 3 Park Fund – Lake Cormorant Park and 301 Ballpark

Supervisor Gerald Clifton notified the Board of Supervisors that improvements and repairs are needed at the Lake Cormorant Park and Hwy 301 Ballpark. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve expenditures of \$10,000 from the District 3 Park Funds to improve and repair the Lake Cormorant Park and the Hwy 301 Ballpark. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

24. Jail Inspection Report Part of the Minutes

County Administrator David Armstrong presented the Semiannual Jail Report on the DeSoto County Jail. This report showed no deficiencies. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to make the Semiannual Jail Inspection Report part of the minutes of the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.24**

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

G. OTHER ISSUES

1. Tax Collector Tax Sale FY01

Tax Collector Joey Treadway notified the Board of Supervisors that his office sold 67 pieces of land in error at the FY01 tax sale. The error occurred because the 67 parcels of land were sold before Mr. Wesley Thompson's 30 days expired. The lots were sold on day 26 of the time period. Mr. Treadway said that the money would be refunded to the person who bought the property at the land sale, and a special land sale will be held if the taxes are not paid by the 15th. No motions were made nor vote taken.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, September 5, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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2. Roads/ Pleasant Hill

Road Manager Kenny Gunn notified the Board of Supervisors that gravel would be on the

area of the road being repaired by Oct. 2, 2001. Then, the Road Department will have some dirt work to do on this job. The Board of Supervisors discussed the best way to control traffic. No motions were made, nor votes taken.

3. Subdivisions/ Fairfield Meadows

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said there is a nice park in the middle of the Fairfield Meadows Subdivision. Supervisor Clifton discussed the park maintenance with the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor John Caldwell said some of the land owners do not want people to park in front of their houses to use the park. Supervisor Clifton said he had a letter from the developer, Reeves Williams, saying they will cut the park one more time, then it will be the responsibility of the County to maintain the Park. No motions were made, nor votes were taken.

4. Approval to Bid/ Water Tank

The County Administrator, David Armstrong, presented the request from Gouras & Assoc. to advertise to take bids on the Water Storage Tank in connection with the Brentwood project. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if this would fall under the original Utility Authority, as the County is not in the water business. David Armstrong said the Utility Authority has the authority to cover the operations of the water tank. Mr. Armstrong said that the Water Storage Tank will used mainly for fire protection. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to advertise for the elevated Water Storage Tank to be paid out of EDA funds of the Brentwood Originals Grant. The Board of Supervisors discussed how they would deal with the Water Association. After discussion, Supervisor Gerald Clifton withdrew his motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin withdrew his second. This item was held over until Oct. 3, 2001.

5. Parks

County Road Manager Kenny Gunn said that if the County takes on any more parks to be maintained, we would need to hire an additional mowing crew.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Kenny Gunn if Central Maintenance was issuing any permits to haul dirt. Kenny Gunn said that no permits have been issued. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he did not think permits were required to haul dirt. Supervisor Medlin said the Director of the Planning Commission told him that permits were done. Kenny Gunn said that if a road is traveled a lot for work to be done, then the county requires a Road Bond. No motions were made on these items.

6. Road Projects- County Engineer

County Engineer Consultant Daniel Murphy appeared before the Board of Supervisors and presented them with a listing of projects requiring engineering per memos from the County Administrator’s Office. The list consists of the following:

Road		Requirements
Civic Center Drive		Surveying and design in progress 2002 construction.
McIngvale Road		Surveying and design in progress
Starlanding Road (Hwy. 51 to RxR)		Waiting for prelim. Design from Waggoner Engineering on Railroad Crossing
Turn Lane (Pleasant Hill Rd. & Church Rd)		No engineering performed. Widen under County wide paving contract
Right of Way through Cemetery on Church Rd.		Brentwood to relocate warehouse to west side of cemetery
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State Aid Projects		
Resurface Fogg Rd. & Getwell Rd.		Under contract, work to begin October 1.
Resurface Starlanding Rd. & Nail Rd.		Plans being drafted. 2002 construction
Replace Bridges on Baldwin Rd., Vaiden Rd., &		Plans complete, waiting for State Aid Review and

Grays Creek Rd.	R.O.W. acquisition 2002 construction
Replace Bridges on Old Hwy. 51 in Hernando	To be programmed as LSBP
Connect new Hwy 304 to Tulane Rd.	Prelim. Survey work done, exact alignment not yet determined
Other Projects Being Discussed	
Widen Church Rd. from Hwy 301 to Hwy. 51	
Widen Church Rd. from west of Elmore Rd. to Pleasant Hill	
Construct Rd. from College Rd. to Church Rd.	
Construct Tchulahoma Rd. from Byhalia Rd. to Pleasant Hill	
Fully engineer Starlanding from Getwell to 305 to 5 lanes	

Daniel Murphy said he recommends pursuing the right of way on Church Road through the cemetery. He said that he needs a motion from the Supervisors to approve programming the three bridges on Hwy 51 through the State Aid Program. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the three bridges on Hwy. 51 to programmed through State Aid Project #17.5. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Daniel Murphy said the State Hwy. Dept. has put in an interchange at Hwy. 304 and Tulane Road that has caused the County not to be able to line up with the Section Line. Daniel Murphy said the items listed in other projects being discussed that nothing has been done on these items.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if Church Road would be three lanes from Hwy. 301 to Hwy 51 and what the time frame would be. Supervisor Caldwell said the Nail Rd. widening has not been engineered for the bridge and may not be approved for a 5-lane road. The City of Horn Lake paid to have the Railroad Bridge engineered at grade crossing at Tulane on Nail Road. Engineer Gerald Davis can not engineer this bridge. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there was any match money for this project. Daniel Murphy said the County could use LSBP, which has an 80/20 match.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said Hacks Cross Rd. would be a 5-Lane Crossing. Daniel Murphy said the County should pursue using STF, but the County has to have their mindset as to the amount to spend, because there would be a 20% cost to the County. Daniel Murphy said the railroads’ desire to eliminate at grade crossings.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if Church Road would be a 5-Lane Road from Hwy. 305 to Pleasant Hill Rd. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said Church Rd. should come all the way to Getwell Rd. and be a 5- Lane from Hwy 305 and, if possible, all the way to Elmore Rd. to connect to the existing 5 lanes. Daniel Murphy said the County has only a 40-foot right of way on Church Road, and the cemetery has to be taken into consideration.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the extension of Starlanding Rd. East of Getwell Rd. is not on the list. Daniel Murphy said that the County needs to do the engineering first before talking about the right of way on Starlanding Rd. Supervisor Thach asked what the need on Church Rd. was; Daniel Murphy said the engineering is being done and the County will have to come back and get right of ways from the landowners. Daniel Murphy said that Starlanding Road could have all of the engineering done but be built in phases.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the Civic Center Road could be 5 lanes. Daniel Murphy said only 4 lanes could be built and not have to relocate the power poles. Supervisor Tommy

ITEM G.6, CONTINUED,

Lewis asked who owned the property on the south side of the road. Daniel Murphy said they are working on the alignment now but this area is a platted development. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the dimensions of the road were drawn as plat because this was the only way the city would accept. The land south is not platted. Daniel Murphy said the drainage structure has already been built on the road, and the County would have to redo for 5 lanes.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the County is committed to build 4 lanes only. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how long it would take to get this engineer. Daniel Murphy said this is not a factor, he can have ready by the next project year. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if a turn-lane could be placed at Hwy. 51. Daniel Murphy said that he saw no problem with the turn-lane.

Daniel Murphy said he needed, from the Board of Supervisors, a priority on this list. We are talking several \$100,000 of engineering to get all of this done. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board would take this list and make the other projects being discussed a part of the official list. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board would prioritize the list by the end of October.

7. Roads- Getwell

The Board of Supervisors discussed the benefits of 4-laneing Getwell Road to the State Line. The Board of Supervisors agreed that if the city would put up part of the money and the county the other part, this could be a feasible project. The Board of Supervisors agreed to approach the City of Southaven regarding this road expansion. No motions were made, nor votes taken on this issue.

8. MAS Representative

Joel Yelverton, of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, stopped by the Board meeting to greet the Board of Supervisors and remind them of the coming meeting in Natchez. Mr. Yelverton updated the Board of Supervisors on the efforts and progress of MAS in representing the Counties.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, October 3, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 1st Day of October 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors